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Sir,

It is expected that President Li Yuan Hung will issue a Mandate re-establishing the original provisional Constitution of Nanking after which the ex-members of the two houses of Parliament will meet either at Shanghai or Nanking. There are at present over three hundred of these in Shanghai. Others are on their way here and will arrive before the date of the meeting which is fixed for June 30th. Four hundred are necessary to form a quorum.

They will approve of or veto the Ministers who are selected by the President and a resolution will be brought forward demanding the impeachment and trial of those who were responsible for the Monarchical propaganda.

This will meet the views of the southern leaders and a settlement of all difficulties may be looked for if the Mandate is issued soon.

Hwang Hsin 黄興 is still in Japan. The Republicans in this port have advised him to return to America as they consider his presence here at the moment would serve no good purpose and would cause them considerable embarrassment.

Kang Yue Wei 康有為 recently wired to Chang Hsun 張勳 asking him to support the Manchu boy Emperor. Chang Hsun promised to do so if Feng Kuo Chang 馮國璋 would agree. He sent a telegram to the latter asking for his aid but in the reply which he received it was intimated that none could be given.

Your Obedient Servant,

William Armstrong

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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